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> Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion October 15, 2023
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> → 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

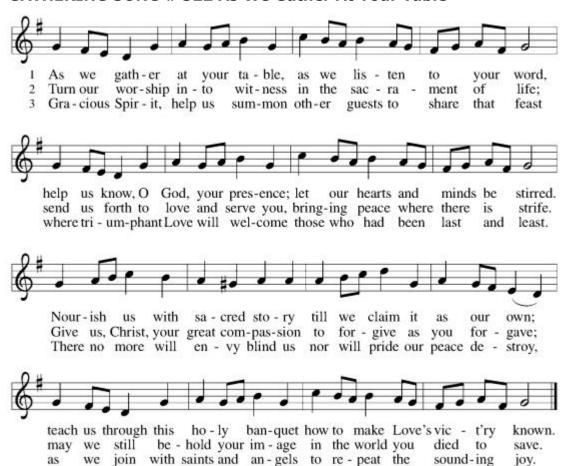
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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*GATHERING SONG # 522 As We Gather At Your Table

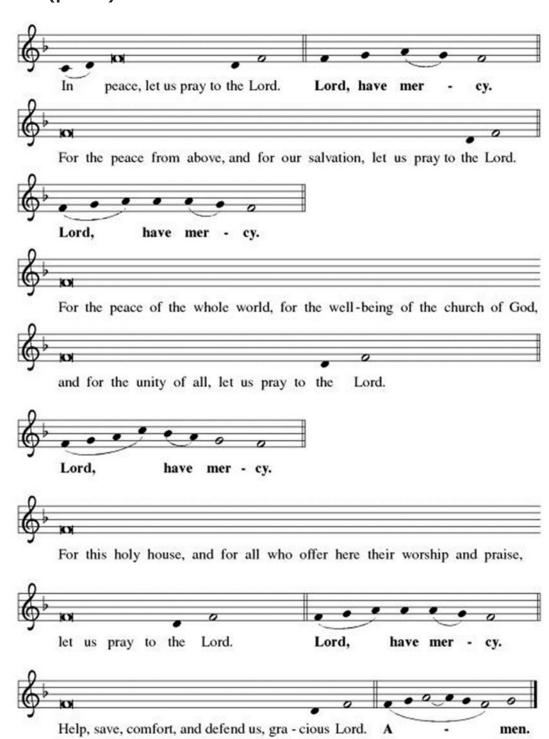


GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM (CHOIR)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

5the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GoD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

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⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD^I is my shepherd;

I shall not! be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my I soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways I for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians.

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

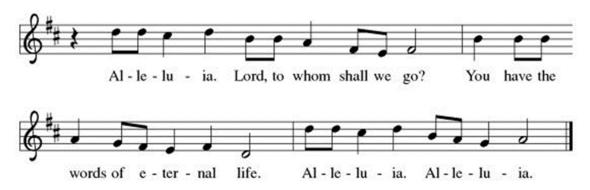
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to **Matthew**.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²\"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, `Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁶The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁶Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁶Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹oThose slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY #502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. Bring peace to Israel and our world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. We pray especially for Eddie, Jennifer, Lucy, Linda, Ron, Rachel, Mary Ellen, Michelle and Emilie; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19, for the victims of the ongoing violence in Israel and those we name before you now (pause). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(Pastor) Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

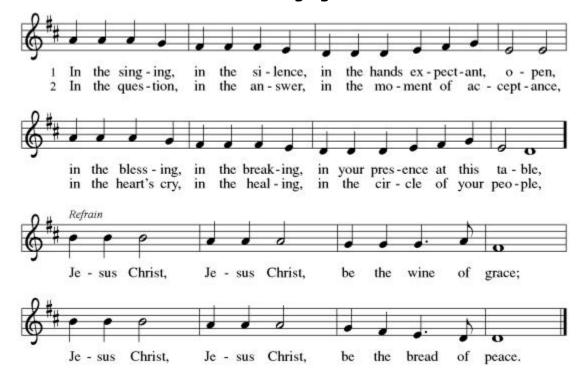
MEAL

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, you may give in person, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving. Donations: standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate

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OFFERTORY HYMN # 466 In the Singing



***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

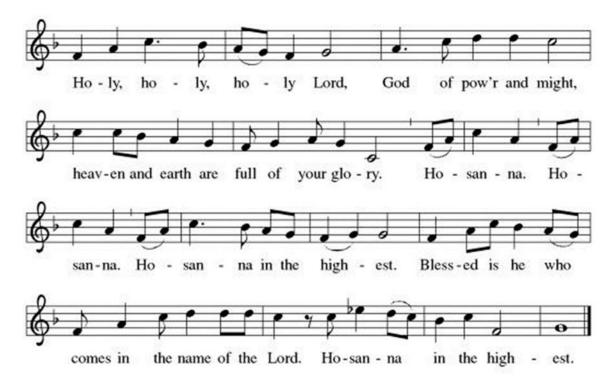
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Amen.**

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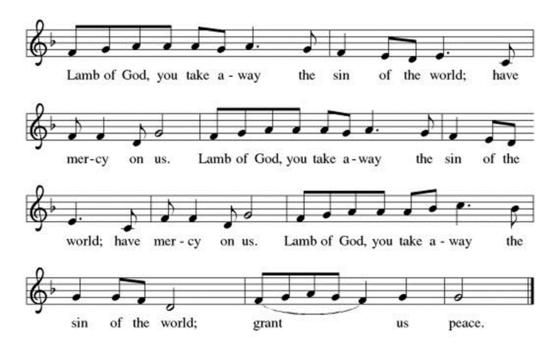
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

LAMB OF GOD



Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you.

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COMMUNION HYMN # 462 Now We Join in Celebration



- 1 Now we join in cel e bra tion at our Sav ior's in vi ta tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath er, fill our hearts with ho ly rap ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil dren,



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran-scen-dence, of your lov-ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

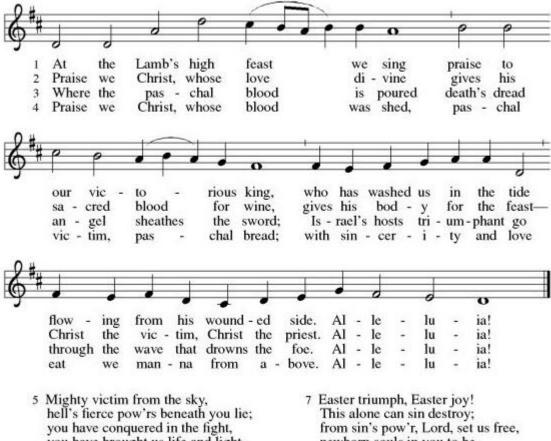
The God of glory,

H Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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SENDING HYMN # 362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing V. 1,2,6, 8



- you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This morning we welcome Pastor Bruce Kaifler

The flowers on the altar are given by Priscilla & Donald Schwabe with thanks to God and in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, and by the Tuna Lady Friends in celebration of Sue Dresch's birthday.

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All Saints' Sunday, Nov 5th is when we will commemorate those who have died over the last year since November 1, 2022. If you would like the people of Saint Andrew's Church to remember a departed loved one in prayer, please email the church office in the next three weeks at admin@standrewsofsmithtown.org.

*Kindly use the subject "All Saints' Prayer List" and include the name(s) of the deceased and the date(s) of their deaths.

Please support Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are available in the Church and at the Church office. Boxes are due on Nov. 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Lloyd.

Community Outreach and Ministry St. Andrew's is collecting the following items to support Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, small hard candy (ex. Jolly Ranchers), travel size lotion, sanitizer, maxi pads individually wrapped tampons, travel size shaving cream, razors wrapped, men and women deodorant, bandaids, lip balm, packs of tissues.

Please bring these items to the office or to the collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!

The food pantry is currently in need of basic non-perishable foods, such as: Laundry detergent, cereal, peanut butter, mac and cheese, tomato sauce, tuna fish, canned chicken. We thank you for any donations.

Pastor Paul Downing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson Station serves as our coverage pastor. He can be reached anytime for pastoral care and emergencies at cell# 347-423-3623. If he is unable to answer, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. He can also be reached by email at pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com. Questions about meetings and day to day activities at St. Andrew's should still be directed to the office at 631.265.2288 or info@standrewsofsmithtown.org.

Pastor Paul Downing invites you to join him and the St. Paul's community for weekly Bible Study and/or Prayer Group.

Bible Study: 9:30am Wednesday mornings on Zoom (meeting ID 977-887-967)

Bible Study: 10:30am Wednesday mornings In Person at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran

Church, Port Jefferson Station

Prayer Group: 10:30am Friday mornings In Person and via Zoom (meeting ID 800-555-016) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

St. Thomas of Canterbury would like to invite our congregation to Wednesday evening *Contemplative Night Prayer* at 7 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month through December 2023. This is a liturgy of prayer, meditation, and sacred silence.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (15 October 2023) THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Eddie Hope [requested by Jane and Paul DeRosa]

Noam Gilbert Lieberman [requested by Eve Overton]

Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]

Richard Angelo, Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Lucy Harris and her family, Sara Larson [requested by the Francis family]

Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]

Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]

Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]

Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Grabrielle Sconzo]

Margie Costello and the brother of Joe Costello [requested by Joe Costello & family]

Brett D, Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis]

Robert & Pat Richards [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]

Ellen Bell [requested by Dorothy Graf]

Gavin Lahann[requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]

Kathy Greaney, Ron and Linda Overton, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy

[requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

Valerie Ruckert, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch] Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin] Corporal August Detting Major William Fortin

(Please advise the office of any updates in your prayer requests.)

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